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In re patent application of
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For: NUCLEIC ACID CONSTRUCT FOR EXPRESSING ACTIVE
SUBSTANCES WHICH CAN BE ACTIVATED BY PROTEASES,
AND PREPARATION AND USE

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, Applicants respectfully request that the following amendments be entered into the application:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-18, 20, 22, and 24 without prejudice disclaimer.

Please amend the claims as follows:

AA [19. (Amended) A method for the treatment or prophylaxis of tumors, leukemias, allergies, autoimmune diseases, infections, inflammations, transplant rejection reactions, thromboses, blood vessel occlusions, blood coagulation, blood circulation disturbances, injuries to tissues, or damage to the nervous system, comprising administering to a mammal an effective amount of [a polypeptide expressed by the nucleic acid construct of claim 1] said polypeptide of claim 25.

AA2 21. (Amended) A method for preparing [a polypeptide which is encoded by said nucleic acid